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SB 6143-S by Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senators T. Sheldon, Hargrove, Long, Costa, Roach, Snyder, McCaslin, Spanel, Winsley, Gardner, Eide, Zarelli, Rossi, Benton, Hochstatter, Swecker, Kastama, Shin, Patterson, Kline, Fraser, McAuliffe and Rasmussen)

Requiring publication of level III sex and kidnapping offender notifications.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires newspapers to have a policy to print all statutorily required legal notices and to hold a periodical class mailing permit.

Provides that the county sheriff with whom an offender classified as risk level III is registered shall cause to be published by legal notice, advertising, or news release a sex offender community notification that conforms to the guidelines established under RCW 4.24.5501 in at least one legal newspaper with general circulation in the area of the sex offender's registered address or location. The county sheriff shall also cause to be published consistent with this act a current list of level III registered sex offenders, twice yearly. This list shall be maintained and kept current by the county sheriff on a publicly accessible web site.

-- 2001 REGULAR SESSION --

Apr 6 HSC - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
Made eligible to be placed on second reading.

SB 6151-S by Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senators Long and Hargrove)

Revising provisions relating to high-risk sex offenders.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Declares an intent to ensure the prompt siting and timely operation of a secure community transition facility on McNeil Island in furtherance of the treatment, management of these offenders in the community, and other purposes of chapter 71.09 RCW.

Finds that there are some sex offenders who might become eligible for civil commitment but who are more appropriately managed through the criminal justice system, both because they may be inappropriate for civil commitment and because the legislature has a fiscal responsibility to the people of Washington to manage community safety in the most cost-effective manner to meet the needs of the public and the offenders.

Declares an intent, therefore to address the sentencing and supervision of offenders who commit certain sex offenses.

Authorizes the secretary to site and operate a thirty-six bed secure community transition facility as a step-down facility for sexually violent predators on court-ordered conditional release from the special commitment center as provided under RCW 71.09.090, on McNeil Island.

Provides that, notwithstanding RCW 36.70A.103 or any other law, until December 31, 2003, to the extent siting a secure community transition facility on McNeil Island is inconsistent with local comprehensive plans and/or development regulations, this statute preempts and supersedes those local plans and regulations.

Declares that nothing in this act limits the state's authority to site an essential public facility under RCW 36.70A.200 in conformance with local comprehensive plans and development regulations.

Declares that the number of residents at the secure community transition facility established by this section shall not exceed thirty-six persons.

Provides that no additional secure community transition facilities for more than three persons may be sited in a county where the special commitment center and the secure community transition facility established pursuant to this act are located.

Provides that, beginning on the effective date of this act, the state shall immediately enter into negotiations for a mitigation agreement with the county in which the secure community treatment facility established pursuant to this section is located, and with each community in which the persons will reside or regularly spend time in the community pursuant to court orders for regular work or education, or to receive social services, or will regularly be transported through to reach those communities. The negotiations must be toward an agreement that will provide state funding, as appropriated for this purpose, in an amount adequate to mitigate anticipated or realized increased costs in law enforcement resulting from any increased risks to public safety brought about by the presence of sexually violent predators in those communities due to the siting of the step-down facility established pursuant to this act.

Provides that, when a person is released to a less restrictive alternative placement at a facility owned or operated under contract with the state, any employer who hires the person for a position or any educational institution that enrolls the person for a program is eligible for an incentive grant from the state up to five thousand dollars per year that the person remains employed or enrolled on at least a half-time basis that meets court requirements approved by the court.

Provides that, on or before December 1, 2002, the department of social and health services shall submit a report to the appropriate committees of the legislature regarding policies for the subsequent placement of sexually violent predators on court-ordered conditional release residing in the secure community transition facility established pursuant to this act. The report shall address the following: (1) The anticipated number of persons who may be eligible for conditional release to a setting less restrictive than the facility established pursuant to this act during the 2003-2005 and 2005-2007 biennia;

(2) The anticipated need, if any, for secure community transition facilities smaller than the facility established pursuant to this act;

(3) Policies that will be implemented to ensure that placement of persons eligible in the future for conditional release to a setting less restrictive than the facility established pursuant to this act will be equitably distributed among the counties, and within each county, among jurisdictions in the county.

Provides that, when considering whether a person civilly committed under this chapter and conditionally released to a less restrictive alternative placement as a resident of a step-down facility is appropriate for release to a less restrictive alternative placement that is less restrictive than a step-down facility, the court shall consider whether the person has progressed in treatment to the point that a significant change in the person's routine, including but not limited to a change of employment, education, residence, or sex offender treatment provider will cause the person to regress to the point that the person presents a greater risk to the community than can reasonably be addressed in the proposed placement.

Requires the department to make reasonable efforts to distribute the impact of the employment, education, and social services needs of the residents of the step-down facility among the adjoining counties and not to concentrate the residents' use of resources in any one community.

Requires the department of social and health services to, by August 1, 2001, and prior to operating the secure community transition facility established pursuant to this act, hold at least three public hearings in the affected communities within the county where the facility is located.

The purpose of the public hearings is to seek input from county and city officials, local law enforcement officials, and the public regarding operations and security measures needed to adequately protect the community from any increased risk to public safety brought about by the presence of sexually violent predators in these communities due to the siting of the facility.

Repeals RCW 9.95.0011 and 9.95.145.

-- 2001 REGULAR SESSION --

Apr 6 HSC - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Minority; do not pass.

Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

Made eligible to be placed on second reading.

SB 6175 by Senators Hale, T. Sheldon, Morton, Hargrove and Shin

Expanding the energy emergency duties of the governor.

Declares that the energy emergency duties of the governor enumerated in chapter 43.21G RCW must be expanded to include the ability to suspend electrical output restrictions on generating facilities in times of emergency.

-- 2001 REGULAR SESSION --

Apr 9 First reading, referred to Environment, Energy & Water.

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